

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of subject application.

Claims 1-4 are cancelled and therefore the corresponding rejections are obviated.

Claims 9-20 are pending, of which, Claims 9-16 were indicated as allowable.

Claims 17 and 18 were amended to address the §101 rejection. In particular, Claim 17 was amended to recite "One or more computer readable media comprising computer-executable instructions that, when executed, direct one or more computing devices to store a data structure" and therefore is believed to be allowable. Claim 18 has been amended to recite "one or more computer readable media" and is dependent on claim 17 and therefore is allowable for at least this reason.

Claim 19 is new and recites a method comprising:

- storing representations of modifications made to multiple files stored in a distributed file system; and
- storing a digital signature covering at least part of the representations to indicate that the modifications were made by a user with the signature.

Claim 19 is allowable based on similar reasoning as previously applied to Claim 17.

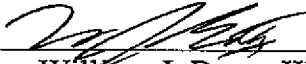
Claim 20 is new and recites "wherein the representations comprise hashes of data in each file that is affected by the modifications" and therefore is allowable based on similar reasoning as that applied previously to claim 18.

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2 **Conclusion**

3 Claims 9-20 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests
4 reconsideration and prompt allowance of the subject application. If any issue
5 remains unresolved that would prevent allowance of this case, **the Examiner is**
6 **requested to urgently contact the undersigned attorney to resolve the issue.** If
7 necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future
8 replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-
9 0769 for any additional fees required under 37 CFR §1.16 or under §1.17;
10 particularly, extension of time fees.
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13 Respectfully Submitted,

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